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SUBJ: MEETING ON INNOVATION IN PROCEDURES AND STRUCTURES
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1. THE ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO DETERMINE
THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE OECD WILL BECOME INVOLVED IN A NEW
WORK PROGRAM CONCERNING EXCHANGES AMONG MEMBERS ON PROCE-
DURES AND STRUCTURES OF GOVERNMENT.

2. SINCE THE OECD HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY CONCERNED ITSELF WITH
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THIS SUBJECT, IT IS NOT YET CLEAR THAT SUCH EXCHANGES CAN

BE SUFFICIENTLY USEFUL TO GOVERNMENTS TO JUSTIFY THE EXPENSE. A MAJOR PITFALL LIES IN THE EASE WITH WHICH SUCH EXCHANGES CAN BECOME NON-STRUCTURED CONVERSATION SESSIONS FROM WHICH LESSONS OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE CANNOT READILY BE EXTRACTED AND USED BY NON-PARTICIPANTS.

3. THE ESSENTIAL TASK FOR THE US AT THIS MEETING SHOULD BE TO DETERMINE WHETHER AND HOW THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS CAN BE OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE TO OURSELVES.

4. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, THE DELEGATION SHOULD PROPOSE MOVING EXPERIMENTALLY. OUR OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO HAVE A SINGLE PROJECT SELECTED, PERHAPS CHOSEN FROM AMONG THREE PUT UP BY THE INDIVIDUAL PANELS, FOR FURTHER WORK. THE PROJECT SHOULD POSSESS CLEAR OBJECTIVE BENCHMARKS FOR EVALUATING ITS PROFITABILITY TO GOVERNMENTS. AFTER THIS PILOT PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND EVALUATED, GOVERNMENTS WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DETERMINE THE PROFITABILITY OF FURTHER EXERCISES IN THIS AREA.

5. THE WORK SHOULD ENTAIL NO ADDITIONAL DIRECT EXPENSE TO GOVERNMENTS. RESOURCES SHOULD BE FOUND FROM WITHIN EXISTING OECD BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS, FOR EXAMPLE BY ELIMINATING LOW PRIORITY ACTIVITIES. RUSH

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